Dear Elaine, 3/31/78

We both enjoyed your description of the kid's reactions. Kids are wonderful.

I've forgotten Jim White's schedule. He did tell me.

Because you may not have known he is driving and making a number of stops before he reaches here, which I think he plans for about the 17th., I am taking a liberty. I'm sending him a copy of your letter so he'll know what you'd like to do.

Jim may not remember but I think I did tell him of the fantastic insight with which Chancellor Dreyfus returned from China. If you were not with us then he accurately forecast drastic changes in the top leadership, chnage that then seemed totally impossible.

We'll both be watching for pretty stamps. What happens is that we have his and her mail. I generally get it and diving it while walking back from the box.

Les Payne phoned me earlier this week. He was to have phoned back if he could get here toward the end of the week. I've not heard so I guess he has been assigned to a story he did not expect. I told him some of what Dave told me of the Doug McMillan-George Leopold operations and he enjoyed it. I gave him only an inkling because Dave can tell him more and I'm sure he'll enjoy it more.

We've had a pleasant break in the weather and I've been doing a little outside work, enjoying it much and perhaps most of all because I can do it. This cuts back on the other work but it is the best medicine for me and it has to be done anyway. I think the battle of the iced lane helped prepare me for more work than I could do last year. While there are some uses of the arms that wear me down fast and leave me a little weak and unsteady the legs are holding up pretty good.

I've been going over to the woods on the far side of out place and bringing back carts of topsoil for where filling is necessary near the house. It is all uphill until I go steeply downhill where I'm filling. The soil is still wet so it is heavier. Today I used a maddock for the first time where I was moving a pile of very stoney soil. No problem.

I could do it easier and faster with my 10 hp riding mower and a lagger cart I have for it but I need the exercise. Good for me and makes me feel good.

As I wrote in haste on a carbon, Dave's Mott letter was very nice. The enclosed Fonda clipping may interest. If I knew how she and Lane separated I'd know better about an approach to her. I think that maybe Jim knew Hayden. Or one of them.

Glad you enjoyed those of the tapes Dave played. Wish I had the memory I once had! Oral histories can be useful, especially with a questioner who can lead one out. Remind. Pick up gaps, overcome confabulations.

When Lil finishes with some people whose tax returns she is doing she'll be making some copies. Perhaps what I've caught the FBI in and laying about, even corrupting work records to hide it, may amuse.

It was less amusing for Jim Lesar this morning. The garbologists even took his morning paper! I wish I were closer so I could work something out about this.

Please tell Dave that I heard today that the second Freep JFK issue did come out before they closed down. I've not seen it. I was told by one to whom Lane had sent a copy.

Best to you all,